

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
May 11, 2004

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, Aldermen Glenn Dinsmore, Rick Tribble, Linda Linkous, and Diane Everett and Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson. City Attorney Patrick Benca and Aldermen Gina Daniel, Mike Kemp were absent.

Alderman Kemp arrived at 7:02 pm.

City Attorney Patrick Benca arrived at 7:18 pm.

Minutes of Apr 13, 2004 regular meeting were approved as presented. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Kemp, Second by Alderman Everett. Approval was by voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: The March financial Report was tabled at April meeting because all recipients indicated problems opening/ viewing it and had not been able to review it. When that report was addressed at this meeting the Recorder-Treasurer acknowledged that resending the March report had been overlooked but he thought that he had distributed paper copies of the report at the April meeting and that it could be approved from that copy. Some Aldermen indicated that they had not reviewed the copy as they were expecting a new electronic distribution. The March Report will remain tabled until the May meeting.

The April report was presented.

The Recorder-Treasurer reported that as of the end of April the city had:

General fund checking account ...	\$24,716.11
Radio Fund	\$222.53
Reader Board Fund.	\$305.92
Emergency Light Fund.	\$253.00
Cash Box (undeposited revenue)	\$367.19
Payroll Account	\$2,015.99
Stephens Account	<u>\$47,706.23</u>
Total General Fund Revenues ..	\$75,586.97

General Fund revenues for April totaled \$31, 912.94

Expenditures for April were \$24,354.63

Street Fund:

Checking Account	\$89,488.06
Stephens Account	<u>\$44,887.51</u>
Total Street fund assets	\$134,375.57

LOPFI: Ending Balance \$25,186.05

Following the verbal summary, there were several comments and questions. First Alderman Kemp inquired about Street Fund expenditures, to date, related to the Morningside bridge. The Treasurer reported that several invoices had been received and 1 paid, thus far. However, no expenditures had occurred related to that project during the April reporting period.

Alderman Linkous stated that it had been over a year since a full financial report had been offered on the Street Fund and asked when one would be available. The Treasurer indicated that full reports would begin in about a month and that the new accounting system was reducing the man-hour requirements such that full, detailed, reports would again be provided on a regular basis.

Alderman Kemp asked about the status of Court reports and payments to the County. The Treasurer stated that no payments had been made as yet but progress was being made and that some payments could be expected before next months meeting.

Following a discussion, a motion to accept the April financial report was made by Alderman Kemp. A second was provided by Alderman Tribble. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Dept Head reports:

Fire Dept. (Mel Aldridge) Mel informed the Mayor that he would not be able to attend the meeting. There was no report from the Fire Dept.

Police Department: Report

The Mayor announced that Investigator David Kennedy and Officer Scott Walden have left the Department and that Richard Friend had joined the force as the new Investigator and Ron Daniel had filled the position vacated by Officer Walden.

He then introduced Richard Friend who gave the report for the Police Department. Officer Friend reported that during the month of March:

- Officers drove 1109 miles
- Received 32 calls for service
- 33 tickets were written
- 4 warrants were served
- 2 DWI Arrests

Officer Friend reported that the police department would be making some changes with the goal to increase accountability within the Dept., to increase productivity while reducing costs, and to get files and paperwork in order.

Public Works (Water & Sewer and Street Depts.): (David Passmore)

Mr. Passmore submitted a written report and supplemented it with a verbal summary. Discussion centered on the collapse of the Shannon Hills bridge and all of the teamwork and effort that went into finding a solution to the problem.

He also reported that a lot of pot-hole patching and road repair had been accomplished in April. Numerous tasks related to maintaining the water and sewer systems were accomplished. Fourteen bags of trash were collected in a clean-up along County Line Road.

The Water Department financial report reflected \$108,661.06 in the Stephens Account. Income for April was \$34,702.94 with expenses for the month of \$28,998.66. The ending balance for April is \$48,895.08. For additional information refer to the written report that was submitted with the presentation. The report is filed in the reports binder in the Records office and is available for public review.

Court Clerk:

A new court system was purchased and installed on the court computer this month. It is called "Virtual Justice" and we believe it will provide solutions for most of the filing and reporting problems we have been dealing with in the court system.

There will be a transition period during which some of the court information will come from the old system and part from the new.

During the month of April the Court collected \$8,972.00. During the first eleven days of May, collections have totaled 2,072.00. In May Court, Charges totaled 159 with 101 Arraignments. 69 cases were scheduled for trial. 34 Failure to Appear warrants were issued. 12 charges were dropped, dismissed or Nol Prossed. 77 cases were continued. The written report is filed in the reports binder in the Records office and is available for public review.

Item 1. Mr. Tim Lemons of Lemons Engineering Presented a progress report on the Brechen-Packer Sewer Extension and the Water/Wastewater Bond issue. With respect to the Expansion project, initial Survey work has been completed as has the alignment of sewer mains. At current pace, construction may begin sometime in July. Concerning the bond issue, legal counsel indicates that bond process can move forward as can the property acquisition. For more details, refer to the written report submitted as part of this report. It is on file with all Lemons Engineering reports in the files of the Recorder-Treasurer.

Item 2. Creation of a Police Commission was introduced by Alderman Diane Everett. There was a lively discussion concerning what the roll of the commission would be. It was confirmed by the city attorney that the commission should not be involved in any hiring, firing or discipline decisions. It was agreed that the commission could act as a liaison between the Police Department and the public. They could make recommendation for change to the police dept. but would lack the power to force or require changes to be implemented. The initial commission would be made up of the following citizens:

Diane Everett
Lucky Turney
Dan Arnold
Scott Pettit
Bobby Riley
Robbin Baker
Rick Tribble

After several minutes of discussion a motion was made by Alderman Everett to create the police commission. A second was provided by Alderman Kemp. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was approved with aldermen Kemp, Dinsmore, Tribble, and Everett voting for the motion. Alderman Linkous voted against the issue. Alderman Daniel was absent. Diane Everett was appointed as Commission Chairman by the mayor. The Commission may select their own chairperson at their first meeting.

Item 3. Under new business, The planning commission was on the agenda to address the council but the commission chairman canceled that request.

Also, Citizen Max Foster had indicated a desire to address the council concerning the road condition on the “dirt” portion of Joan Drive. Neither Mr. Foster nor any other citizen was present to voice that concern. Both of these items were dropped from the agenda.

Item 4. New Bridge Project. The Mayor reported that although only one invoice had been received and paid so far, it appeared that the costs for the new bridge, on Morningside Drive, would be about \$48,826.00 for the bridge and about \$18,000.00 for construction of the roadway. It is believed that all expenditures for the emergency bridge will be reimbursed when legal issues are settled. Additional work required to complete the project may put the final total at around \$75,000.00. Alderman Kemp stressed that these figures were best guesses and should NOT be construed, by any entity, as anything but an estimate. He also stressed that the insurance company and any other entity that may be held responsible for the incident should be aware that the actions taken by the city did a great deal to reduce their possible costs. This topic was informational only and no council action was required.

Item 5. Resolutions of Appreciation presented to Mr. David Passmore and Mr. Rickey Trotter. In consideration of the long hours and hard work that Mr. Passmore and Mr. Trotter put in while working to get the new bridge and related roadway installed. Alderman Mike Kemp made a motion that resolutions of appreciation be approved and related certificates be presented to Mr. Passmore and Mr. Trotter. The motion received a second from Alderman Tribble. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 6. Resignation of Alderman Glenn Dinsmore. Alderman Dinsmore and his family have purchased a house in Bryant and his move takes him out of the city and the ward which he was elected to serve. As required by state law Alderman Dinsmore tendered his resignation. Alderman Kemp moved to accept Alderman Dinsmore’s resignation. Motion received a second from Alderman Everett. Motion passed by voice vote with no opposition.

Agenda items were concluded. The Mayor offered some comments. One regarding the recent dog attack. He encouraged the council to take a second look at the animal control ordinance with respect to what it says about vicious dogs. He asked that they give thought to possibly banning certain breeds from the city.

The Mayor announced that the city would be taking applications from interested parties to fill the Council vacancy created by the resignation of Alderman Dinsmore.

The Mayor announced that next Tuesday, May 18, 2004, is primary election day. Voting will be taking place in City Hall.

Comments from floor:

Ms. Coleman spoke about the Pit bull dog attack that took place on her property earlier this month. Her distance from the recorder microphone and the poor quality of the recording made it impossible to clearly report what she said. However, it was evident that she was in favor of a more effective set of rules pertaining to the keeping or ownership of Pit Bulls and/or other breeds that have a historic tendency to be aggressive.

Another topic of discussion was the conditions of roads in Southfork and who was responsible for their repair. Currently the developer is still responsible but at some future time the streets will be dedicated to the city.

Mr. Passmore thanked the Mayor, the Council and the citizens for the resolution of appreciation and the certificate that he and Mr. Trotter received.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Everett with a second from Alderman Tribble. Motion was approved with voice vote. There was no opposition. Meeting stood adjourned at 8:35pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer